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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified translation of the German language text of PCT/EP2004/050378, filed March 26, 2004; published as WO 2004/086291 A2 on October 7, 2004, and claiming priority to DE 103 14 071.9, filed March 28, 2003, the verified translation forming the entire specification and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, as follows.